

# VIOLENT FIGHTING ON A LARGE SCALE AT VERDUN

## GERMAN FORCES OBTAIN FOOTING

But Some of Their Efforts Fail According to the French War Office.

### ATLANTA MAN IN FIGHT

Austrian Troops Continue to Advance at Points on the Italian Front.

PARIS, May 19.—Violent fighting on a large scale was resumed on the Verdun front last night. Two fresh divisions of German troops attacked French positions in Avocourt wood, west of the Meuse. The war office announces the attacks in the main were unsuccessful although the Germans obtained a footing in a small post south of hill 287 which lies just to the east of Avocourt wood.

The Germans attempted to recapture the small fort on the northeast slope of hill 304 which the French took on the preceding day, but their efforts failed. Infantry fighting was confined for the most part to that sector west of the Meuse. East of the river and in the Woëvre the artillery was active.

The official statement says that the troops employed by the Germans in their attacks had recently been sent to the Verdun front.

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### ITALIANS UNDERTAKE BIG COUNTER STROKES

BERLIN, May 19.—Austrian troops are continuing to advance at points on the Italian front, the official statement of May 18 said, although the Italians are undertaking vigorous counter strokes. The Austrians crossed the Luan valley and captured Costabellia.

The positions captured have been in the hands of the Italians for months. They include points to which the Italians attached the greatest strategic importance.

For example there fell into the hands of the Austrians on Gofgarla plateau an order issued by an Italian division commander in which the plateau was characterized as a position of fundamental importance to be held at all hazards.

### STEAMERS ASSEMBLED TO TRANSPORT SHIPS

PARIS, May 19.—One hundred and fifty steamers have been assembled at the Hungarian seaport of Fiume to transport troops, munitions and supplies under protection of the Austro-Hungarian fleet to Durazzo, Albania. This information was received here today in advices from Innsbruck.

It is supposed here that the Austrians intend to make a strong attack upon the Albanian town of Avlona, which is occupied by the Italians.

### AN EGYPTIAN TOWN BOMBARDED BY SHIPS

LONDON, May 19.—British warships and aeroplanes have bombarded the town of El Arish in Egypt, near the border of Palestine, and are believed to have destroyed the fort there, it was announced officially Friday.

El Arish is on the Turkish line of communication from Syria to Egypt.

### FRENCH TRENCHES ARE CAPTURED BY GERMANS

BERLIN, May 19.—French trenches on both sides of the Harcourt-Esnes high road on the Verdun front, west of the Meuse, have been captured by the Germans, the war office announced today. Nine French officers and 120 men were taken prisoners.

The announcement says the captured French positions extend to the neighborhood of the southern corner of Ducks wood.

### MANY VESSELS ARE SUNK BY GERMAN SEA FORCES

BERLIN, May 19.—Since January 1 last German and Austrian submarines have sunk hostile ships with a total tonnage of 671,500, it was announced today. These figures include ships sunk during April.

Amsterdam despatches state that survivors of the British steamship Cymric, which sank on May 9, stated on arriving at Liverpool that the sinking of the vessel was due to the explosion of its boilers.

PROSPERITY SIGN.  
BUCKHANNON, May 19.—The Equitable Window Glass Company has closed down for the summer. This is the earliest this factory has ever shut down for the summer, and presumably is an indication of Democratic prosperity.

## MEXICAN COWBOYS ROUT A BANDIT BAND

Under Independent Leader is Camping 165 Miles South of the Border.

MARATHON, Tex., May 19.—Rosale Hernandez, with 300 armed followers, is camping at Rancho de Encillas, 165 miles south of the border and forty miles south of where the second American expeditionary force under Colonel Sibley camped yesterday. According to reports Hernandez has a total of 500 men in the immediate vicinity of his headquarters. Hernandez, it is reported, does not subject himself or his followers to the dictums of either Carranza or Villa.

METHODISTS GATHER.  
ZANESVILLE, O., May 19.—Ministerial and lay delegates assembled here today for the opening session of the general conference of the Methodist Protestant church. Dr. H. L. Eldridge, of West Maryland college, Westminster, Md., was to deliver the opening sermon, his subject being "The Paradox of Peace."

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### LILLY ARRIVES.

Attorney General A. A. Lilly, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, arrived in the city this morning and will deliver an address at the court house at 8:15 o'clock tonight. He is stopping at the Hotel Gore.

### FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NEAR NAMIQUEPA, MAY 19.

Twenty-five Mexican cowboys from the Hearst ranch at Babcora broke and scattered a newly formed band of bandits near Madera about a week ago, killing fifteen, wounding one and capturing six according to news reaching here today.

The band had been organized by Atezuro Dominguez and Pedro Castillo, who announced their enmity for Americans and Carranza followers. After the theft of a number of horses from the Hearst ranch the bandits began guerrilla warfare.

Employees of the ranch surprised the bandits in camps near the ranch Viejo. The six men taken prisoner were delivered to Carranza authorities in Madera.

Among the dead were Dominguez and Castillo, the toll bringing the number of Villa bandits slain up to nearly 250 since the American punitive expedition was sent across the border nine weeks ago.

The cowboys captured thirty horses, a number of rifles and other booty.

### THANK OFFERINGS TO BE ABOLISHED

Plan is Adopted by Presbyterians to Do Away with Them at Revival End.

ATLANTIC CITY, May 19.—By the adoption of a recommendation offered by its permanent committee on evangelism today, the one hundred and twenty-eighth general assembly of the Presbyterian church took the first step in the establishment of a proposed interdenominational evangelistic organization, which will put religious revivals the country over on an efficiency basis under the immediate direction of the church in America and an advisory non-denominational lay board.

The plan when carried to its conclusion will make evangelists salaried members of an evangelistic committee of all the churches. The evangelists will be assigned to certain districts that need them as is the organized sales forces of a huge selling corporation.

This arrangement will eliminate the much criticised thank offering at the end of a revival.

Members of a lay board will be provided by the church committee. It is the present plan to seek something in the nature of an endowment from wealthy men interested in the movement. These men will be in full charge of the financial end of the countrywide and permanent revivals.

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## SOME QUESTIONS FOR LILLY

Attorney General A. A. Lilly is billed to make a public address at the court house at Clarksburg this evening in support of his own candidacy for the nomination for governor of West Virginia. This occasion will afford an opportunity for Mr. Lilly to set himself right with a large class of citizens of the state of West Virginia, and in order to facilitate any endeavor in that direction on his part, the Telegram desires to propound a simple question for him to answer.

It is openly charged in the press of the state, and by Republicans in public addresses, that General Lilly is in favor of prohibition and the enforcement of the prohibition laws when speaking in "dry" territory, or in territory where that sentiment largely prevails, and that he is a "wet" candidate, or opposed to prohibition or the enforcement of prohibition legislation when speaking in communities where a large part of the people are in favor of more liberal legislation on the liquor question. The Telegram does not attempt to speak for Mr. Lilly, and does not charge him with entertaining these contradictory views and advocating these contradictory doctrines for political purposes, but it refers simply to the fact that Mr. Lilly has been repeatedly charged in reputable newspapers and by reputable citizens with these inconsistencies. If these accusations are false, General Lilly can easily answer them and set himself right before the people of the state.

### Will He Answer These Questions?

1. Will you, if elected governor, enforce the laws on the statute books of West Virginia, prohibiting the liquor traffic and the misuse of intoxicating liquors in West Virginia?

2. Will you, if elected governor, make any effort to cause to be repealed any of the laws now on the statute books prohibiting the sale of liquors in the state of West Virginia, or the shipment of the same into the state?

These questions are simple and the people of West Virginia request a simple answer, yes or no. There is no excuse or reason for you to baffle the matter by wordy explanations or attempted explanations which do not explain. Let the people have your plain simple answer to each of these questions, yes or no.

If you do not answer these questions tonight in your address at the court house, the people will take it that you desire them to understand that you are for prohibition in sections of the state where that sentiment prevails, and that you are against it in sections of the state where the wet sentiment prevails; that you have no convictions on the subject and are ready to take either side of it at any time, or both sides of the question, whenever to do so will advance your personal interests.

## Roosevelt Denounces "Pork-Barrel" Methods In the National Defense

And Pays His Respects to Men Who Try to Carry Water on Both Shoulders.

DETROIT, Mich., May 19.—Hundreds of school children waving American flags were among the throng which greeted Theodore Roosevelt at the railway station this forenoon when he arrived here to be guest of honor at the American day celebration.

Before Colonel Roosevelt was driven to the Detroit Athletic Club at the head of an automobile parade he made a short address to the Boy Scouts who were lined up in front of the station. He told them he believed in their organization because it taught them to fight for the truth and "not to be mollycoddles."

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DETROIT, Mich., May 19.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in an address here today, reiterated his opposition "to all kinds of hyphenated Americanism," advocated universal military service based on universal training, and declared that we must abolish the "pork-barrel" methods in our national defense, stop talking and get down to the actual business of thorough preparation if we are to make this nation as strong as are its convictions in reference to right and wrong.

Colonel Roosevelt prefaced his speech by announcing that he had "come here to Michigan because in the primary for the selection of delegates to the Republican national convention, Mr. Ford was victorious, and following on his victory here, he showed a marked popular strength in Nebraska and Pennsylvania. The effect of this showing has been immediately visible upon many of the politicians within and without Congress."

"We, through our representatives at Washington," said Colonel Roosevelt, "have absolutely refused in the smallest degree to prepare during these twenty-two months of the lesson being written on the scroll of torment in Europe. We have stubbornly refused to take the smallest step, either to do our duty to ourselves or to do our duty to others."

We have endeavored to deceive ourselves by announcing that in this policy of supine inaction and of failure to perform duty, we are actuated by the loftiest motives. I doubt whether we have really deceived ourselves, and most certainly we have not deceived others. There is not a nation in the world which believes that our course of conduct has been dictated by anything save timidity, unworthy shrinking from effort and responsibility, and cold and selfish love of money making and of soft ease.

In any serious crisis there are always men who try to carry water on both shoulders. These men try to escape the hard necessity of choice between two necessarily opposite alternatives, by trying to work up some compromise. In actual practice, this compromise usually proves to combine with exquisite nicety all the defects and none of the advantages of both courses. It is true that in ordinary political matters compromise is essential. It is true that in ordinary times it is essential. But there come great crises when compromises are either impossible or fatal. This is one of those crises. There is no use in saying that we will fit ourselves to defend ourselves a little, but not much. Such a position is equal to announcing that, if necessary, we shall hit, but that we shall only hit soft. The only right principle is to prepare thoroughly or not at all. The only right principle is to do so, but never under any circumstances to hit soft. To go to war a little but not much, is the one absolute certain way to ensure disaster. To prepare a little but not much, stands on a par with a city developing a fire department which, after a fire occurs, can put it out a little, but not much.

Colonel Roosevelt declared that

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Osman E. Swartz, Boyd E. Hornor, F. C. Devericks and Lynn S. Hornor returned Friday morning from Pittsburgh, where they attended the eleventh annual convention of the American Natural Gas Association.

## LILLY IS UNFIT TO BE GOVERNOR

SHEDS ARE USED FOR SPEAKERS.

Booze emporiums seem to find no difficulty in securing locations in Wheeling. A new institution of the speakasey persuasion is said to be flourishing in a building that architecturally is not much more than a shed located on the creek bank near the end of Nineteenth street. The patronage is large and varied, and the supply, it is intimated, is carried to the resort in baskets by messengers dispatched at intervals to the Bridgeport supply house. The place, like many others, makes no effort at concealment and makes no demands upon patrons other than that they have the necessary price. They have never been raided.

### CLARKSBURG NEGRO

Gets Ninety Days in the County Jail at Uniontown, Pa., for Larceny.

UNIONTOWN, May 19.—In court here Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen imposed sentence in the following cases in which the defendants had entered pleas of guilty.

William Hyde, a Clarksburg, W. Va., negro, arrested in Connelville for larceny of \$15, a suit case and a suit of clothes; costs and ninety days in jail. John Solomon, assault and battery on his wife; costs. Pietro Fabba, larceny of \$20; costs and 90 days in jail. Peter Pirovsky, carrying concealed weapons; costs, \$75 fine and nine months in jail.

### DAMAGE SUIT

Growing Out of a Gasoline Explosion is on Trial in the Circuit Court.

The damage suit of U. G. Barrick against the Clarksburg Transfer and Storage Company for personal injuries in a gasoline explosion, in which there was a lung injury at a previous term of the court, is on trial in the circuit court.

A jury in the case of M. J. Lynch against Orland B. Romine for pay because of injuries done an automobile failed to agree and was discharged from the case.

### TWO HANGINGS

Are the First of the Legal Executions for Slaying Americans in Border Raids.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., May 19.—The first legal executions as punishment for the slaying of Americans in border raids by Mexican bandits last summer and fall are to take place here today with the hanging of Melquides Chapa and Jose Munoz. They were found guilty of murder in connection with the death of A. L. Austin and his son, Charles, following a raid on Sebastian, Cameron county, August 6, 1915, by a band of fourteen Mexicans.

### NO RESPONSE.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Germany considering the submarine controversy with the United States closed, has determined to make no response to the last American note upon the subject. Information to this effect is contained in confidential advices received here from Berlin.

### CAPTAIN LUSK ON DUTY.

Captain L. T. Lusk, of the Pittsburgh Pullman and Baltimore and Ohio trains Nos. 3 and 4, is on duty once more after having been off with a broken hand. The captain was confined to his home in Butler, Pa. Porter Ellis, one of the most genial in the service, is also back on the run after a trip to California.

### TO RUN SLEEPERS.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company will operate two extra sleepers from this state for the Republican and Progressive national conventions in Chicago. One sleeper will leave Wheeling at 6 o'clock the afternoon of June 6 and the other will leave here at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day and join the Wheeling sleeper at Zanesville, leaving the line to Cincinnati at Parkersburg. They will arrive in Chicago the next morning. Frank B. Haymaker and Lucius Hoge, Jr., of this city, and John Chittum, of Weston, have already engaged reservations in the sleeper leaving here.

Governor Hatfield refused the charge that he required state employees to support Judge Robinson and defied any man or newspaper making the charge to prove it. The governor spoke at Clay Court House at noon Thursday before a representative gathering of Republicans. His address there was frequently interrupted with hearty applause. His reception here was an unusual ovation. He will speak at Sutton today.



Sir Frederick E. Smith (top) and Daniel J. Bailey.

After Sir Roger Casement himself, these two men are the most prominent figures in the Casement high treason trial in London. Smith is the brilliant young attorney general prosecuting Casement. Bailey, who called himself Beverly in Berlin, was Casement's right-hand man in the fight for Irish freedom.